



Title of Seminar: Call to Action in Action - Follow up on Call to Action for Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) in Schools¹

Convenors: United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and WASH in Schools Partners

Seminar Text

Call to Action for WASH in Schools, supports global efforts to make the vision shared by WASH in Schools partners a reality: *a world where all children go to school and all schools provide a safe, healthy and comfortable environment where children grow, learn and thrive.*

Despite the promising potential of WASH in Schools, the sector has stagnated over the years. A survey conducted among 60 developing countries² revealed that:

1. Less than half of the countries have information on WASH in Schools coverage.
2. Less than half of all primary schools have access to safe water and just over a third have adequate sanitation in countries where data are available. Even where facilities exist, they are often in poor condition and hygiene education is often non-existent.

In April 2010, international partners working in the WASH in Schools sector launched an advocacy campaign to raise the profile of WASH in Schools and call global decision makers to prioritise WASH in Schools. This session is designed to help development partners and selected Government partners to work on strategies to follow up the Call to Action for WASH in Schools.

Programme (TBC)

Chair Ms. Clarissa Brocklehurst, Associate Director, Programme Division, UNICEF

- 14:00 Welcome and Introduction. Mr. Murat Sahin, Adviser WASH in Schools, UNICEF
- 14:10 Global Status of Call to Action for WASH in Schools and Six Action Points for WASH in Schools, Mr. Murat Sahin, UNICEF
- 14:20 Action Point 1: Increase investment in WASH in Schools,
Mr. Itsuro Takahashi, Special Advisor, Global Environment Department Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)
- 14:30 Action Point 2: Engage those who set policies,
US based launch of Call to Action for WASH in Schools, Ms. Elynn Walter, Water Advocates
WASH in Schools and National Plans of Actions, Mr. Yousuf Caires, Dubai Cares
- 14:50 Action Point 3: Involve multiple stakeholders
Ms. Sandy Callier, Project Director of USAID Hygiene Improvement Project
Ms. Meklit Berhan, Children Without Worms(CWW)
- 15:10 Action Point 4: Demonstrate quality WASH in Schools programmes,
Results and Lessons from over 10 years of quality WASH in schools projects, Ms. Seung Lee,
Save the Children

¹ <http://www.unicef.org/wash/schools/>

² http://www.unicef.org/wash/schools/files/raisingcleanhands_2010.pdf

- Moving a head through School Led Total Sanitation, Dr.Marielle Snel, International Water and Sanitation Centre (IRC)
- 15:30 Coffee Break
- 16:00 Action Point 5: Monitor WASH in Coverage,
Where are we with monitoring WASH in schools coverage? Matt Freeman, Emory University,
Launch of Global Data Gathering exercise for WASH in Schools, Rev Alfred Bailey, Alliance
of Religions and Conservation (ARC)
- 16:20 Action Point 6: Contribute to evidence base
Evidence from “Fit for Schools” programme, Hon. BRO. ARMIN A. LUISTRO, Dep. Ed.
Secretary, Dep. of Education, Philippine
A qualitative Analysis of WASH in Schools Evidence Base, Prof. Richard Rheingans, LSHTM
and SHARE
- 16:40 Discussion and Panel Debate
- 17:30 Close